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Grade: 5      Reading

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Theme Four Selection: 2

"Mom's Best Friend"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. What does the author mean by the sentence, "Her death left a big hole in our family," on page 371?

- a) The family felt confused by Marit's death.
- b) The family is not complete without Marit.
- c) Marit put holes in all of the family members' clothes.
- d) The family is excited to get another dog.

2. Which detail tells that Marit forgets her training in the beginning of her relationship with Mom?

- a) She veers on a street crossing and brushes mom into a bush.
- b) Ursula sits down and refuses to move for Mom.
- c) Ursula jumps up on Mom.
- d) Mom does not want Ursula to be her guide dog.

3. What is the name of the guide dog school?

- a) School for the Blind.
- b) Seeing Eye Professionals.
- c) The Seeing Eye.
- d) Eye Dog Training School.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"In the morning Mom walked with Pete Jackson so that he could check her pace."

Which word means the same as pace.

- a) watch
- b) feet
- c) chase
- d) speed

5. Why does a person who is blind need to memorize the layout of a new place?

- a) So that he or she can move around independently.
- b) To make them smarter.
- c) To help his or her guide dog around.
- d) None of the above.

6. What is the genre of "Mom's Best Friend."

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. Which word is the definition for mature as it is used in the following sentence: "At fifteen months, they are mature enough to return to the Seeing Eye for the three-month training program."

- a) smart
- b) underdeveloped
- c) full grown
- d) small

8. How would you describe Leslie's reaction to Ursula?

- a) She thinks that Ursula does not compare to Marit.
- b) She thinks that Ursula is even better than Marit.
- c) She hides from Ursula.
- d) She instantly likes Ursula.

9. Which event happened last in the story?

- a) Leslie forgets about Marit.
- b) Leslie and her brother Joel are finally allowed to play with Ursula.
- c) Ursula returns to The Seeing Eye for more training.
- d) Mom has to return Ursula because they do not get along.

## Open-ended Response

Training a young dog to become a seeing eye dog is hard work. What are three things that Mom has to teach Ursula in the story? List three examples to support your response.

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**Grade 5 Reading**  
**Theme 4 Selection 1 "Mariah Keeps Cool"**  
**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Drawing Conclusions	R5.A.2.3.1
2	a	Main Idea/Details	R5.A.2.4.1
3	c	Main Idea/Details	R5.A.2.4.1
4	d	Synonyms	R5.A.1.1.2
5	a	Vocabulary	R5.A.2.1.2
6	a	Genre	R5.A.1.6.1
7	c	Vocabulary	R5.A.2.1.2
8	d	Characterization	R5.B.1.1.1
9	b	Sequence	R5.B.3.3.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 Points**

Paragraph describes three ways that seeing eye dogs are trained and provides three examples from the story.

**2 Points**

Paragraph describes two ways that seeing eye dogs are trained and provides two examples from the story.

**1 Point**

Paragraph describes one way that seeing eye dogs are trained and provides one example from the story.

**0 Points**

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete